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Annex No. 1

To the Governmental resolution
of April 6, 2020

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURE

The Ministry of Health as an administrative authority competent pursuant to Section 80 (1) letter g) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., on Protection of Public Health, and on change of certain related acts, as amended (the "Act No. 258/2000 Coll."), adopts within procedure pursuant to Section 69 (1) letter i) and (2) of the Act No. 258/2000 Coll., in order to protect the population and to prevent danger of outbreak and spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this extraordinary measure:

I.

1. Retail sale of goods and services in establishments is forbidden, with exceptions of the sales stores of:

- **grocery**
- **fuels**
- **combustibles**
- **sanitary (hygienic) goods, cosmetics and other drug-store products**
- **pharmacies, dispensaries and shops of medical devices**
- **small pets**
- **feed and other supplies for animals**
- **glasses, contact lenses and related goods**
- **newspapers and magazines**
- **tobacco products**
- **laundry and dry-cleaning services**
- **repair of road vehicles, if there are not more than 30 persons in the establishment at the same time**
- **towing and repairing of road vehicles at the road traffic**
- **sale of spare parts to road vehicles and manufacturing technologies**
- **establishments allowing pick-up of goods and shipments from a third party**
- **sale of garden goods including seeds**
- **cash sale of tickets**
- **spa facilities, provided that they provide only spa services, which are at least partially covered by public health insurance**

- provision of funeral services
- florist shops
- construction and removal of buildings, design works in construction, geological works, geodetic works, testing, measuring and analysis for the construction
- dispensing and sale of medical devices
- sale of textile material and textile haberdashery
- service of computing and telecommunications equipment, audio and video receivers, consumer electronics, appliances and other household products
- real estate agency and activities of accounting advisors, bookkeeping, keeping tax records
- locksmithing and service of other household products
- repair, maintenance and installation of machinery and equipment for household
- operation of the burial ground, performing embalming and preservation, cremation of human debris or human remains, including the storage of human remains in urns
- car washes
- household equipment, if it is possible to buy respiratory protective equipment such as respirator, drape, mask, bandanna, scarf or other means to prevent the spread of droplets, gloves or disinfection
- sale of food in establishments for which the sale of food does not represent the major part of the activities of the establishment, but the part of the establishment in which the food is sold is separated from the other parts of the establishment
- hobby markets, building and construction products, hardware
- sale and service of bicycles
- collection and purchase of raw materials and composting

if such goods or services are mostly sold or offered in such an establishment. This restriction shall not apply to activities that are not activities under the Trade Licensing Act. Furthermore, this restriction shall not apply to the sale of grocery at the establishments where the sale of grocery does not constitute the main part of the activities of the establishment, however such a part of the establishment in which the grocery is sold is separated from other parts of the establishment.

2. It is ordered that the following rules shall be obeyed at the permitted establishments referred to in point 1 hereof:

- actively prevent customers from staying at shorter than 2 m distances
- ensure the management of waiting queues of customers (both inside and outside the shop) - especially by marking the waiting area and placing signs for a minimum distance of 2 m between customers
- place disinfectants on frequently touched objects (handles, railings, shopping carts) available to both employees and customers
- ensure that workers wear gloves when in contact with goods and when receiving payments from customers
- ensure that the customers are informed of the rules referred to above, in particular by means of information posters at the entrance and at the establishment and, where appropriate, by using loudspeakers in the establishment.

- 3. Presence of the public in restaurant facilities, except for the establishments which are not used for the public (e.g. employee canteens, medical facility canteens, social service canteens, penitentiary facility canteens) is forbidden; such a restriction shall not apply to sales outside establishments (such as fast food restaurants with take-away windows or sale of take-away food without entering the establishment).**
- 4. Operation of restaurant facilities situated within shopping malls with sales area exceeding 5000 m² is forbidden.**
- 5. Sales of unpackaged pastry is permitted only if the following conditions are met:**
 - it is ensured that there will not be concentration of persons in the places where pastry is picked up,**
 - sales point is equipped with personal hygienic tools.**
- 6. The entrepreneurs of food retail stores with self-service sale shall provide the customers with disposable gloves or other similar protective equipment for hands (such as HDPE bag) free of charge at each entrance to the store.**
- 7. The following is forbidden:**
 - operation of game rooms and casinos,**
 - operation of driving license schools,**
 - provision of taxi services, with the exception of taxi services delivering food or persons with the taxi driver license,**
 - operation of self-service laundries and dry-cleaning services,**
 - presence of the public in establishment of service providers including inside sports grounds.**
- 8. Sale of accommodation services, with the exception of providers of accommodation services in dormitories, spa facilities and school accommodation facilities, is forbidden. This shall not apply to sale and provision of accommodation services to**
 - persons for purpose of pursuing their profession, business or other similar activity, and**
 - foreigners until leaving the territory of the Czech Republic and to foreigners with work permit for territory of the Czech Republic and**
 - persons who were ordered to stay in quarantine by public health authority.**
- 9. This extraordinary measure shall be effective as of April 7, 2020, at 00:00 a.m. until the end of the state of emergency, with the exception of point I./1 "hobby markets, building and construction products, hardware," and "sales and service of bicycles," and point I./2, which come into effect as of April 9, 2020, at 00:00 a.m.**

II.

With the effect as of April 7, 2020, 00:00 a.m., the extraordinary measure dated April 1, 2020, ref. No.: MZDR 13361/2020-3/MIN/KAN is repealed.

III.

This extraordinary measure is effective on the day of its issue.

Rationale:

The extraordinary measure is adopted in relation to the adverse development of the epidemiologic situation of the COVID-19 disease caused by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in the Czech Republic.

In the view of the current outbreak of COVID-19 disease in territory of the Czech Republic, as well as in the territory of most countries in the world, it is necessary to prevent further outbreak of COVID-19 disease declared by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

Since March 1, 2020, when COVID-19 disease was proven at the very first time to a patient in the territory of the Czech Republic, there has been an increase in the number of cases at 2,657 (as of March 28, 2020). The daily increase in the number of patients with newly proven COVID-19 disease in recent days exceeds 200 (March 25 - 291, March 26 - 259, March 27 - 373, March 28 - 262).

This measure is one of the important preconditions for preventing the outbreak of COVID-19 disease caused by the new SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in the Czech Republic. The coronavirus is spread from man to man by a close contact. It is a so-called droplet-based infection that is spread through the air. Most often the mucous membranes of the upper and lower respiratory tracts and the conjunctiva are infected. The incubation period is approximately between 2 and 14 days. The most common ways where viruses enter the human body are mucous membranes, i.e. mouth, nose and also eyes. These places are like an open gate for viruses.

The aim of this measure is to close all stores and facilities that are not necessary, in order to avoid contacts with other persons in and to avoid the spread of COVID-19 disease in the community to the maximum possible extent. However, the development of the spread of the epidemic partially enables to restore the operation of certain establishments. At the same time, important rules are provided in order to ensure the distance between persons to be obeyed, to enforce such rules, including the use of personal protective equipment and disinfectants.

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